MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this 6th day od May one thousand nine hundred and fourteen BETWEEN SHOTARO TACHIBANA of Thursday Island in the State of Queensland, Boatbuilder (hereinafter called the Contractor) of the one part and William R Maclennon of Cape York aforesaid Storekeeper (hereinafter called the Purchaser) of the other part.

WHEREBY the CONTRACTOR agrees to build and the PURCHASER agrees to Purchase a vessel of cutter rig according to specifications hereto attached for the sum of two hundred and fifteen pounds (£215.) sterling upon the following terms and conditions -

(a) The Purchaser hereby agrees to pay to the Contractor a deposit of fifty pounds (£50) sterling upon the signing of this agreement and agrees to pay the balance of one hundred and sixty five pounds(£165) sterling to the Contractor immediately on completion of the aforesaid vessel.

(b) The Contractor hereby agrees to have the aforesaid vessel completed and ready for delivery to the Purchaser not later than the thirtieth day of September 1914.

(c) The Purchaser hereby agrees to take delivery of the aforesaid vessel immediately on completion Such delivery to be taken from the Contractor's slip.

Made and subscribed by the aforementioned parties at Thursday Island aforesaid the day and year above written.

S. Tachibana

In the presence of- W R Maclennan

Witness. A. Mohr

SPECIFICATIONS OF a vessel of Cutter rig referred to in the annexed Agreement between Shotaro Tachibana and Maclennon.

Length thirty feet overall Beam ten feet Depth three feet six.
Keel to be of hardwood 8 x 4
Stringers, Deck beams, covering boards to be of hardwood.
Frames to be single of natural crook hardwood.
Planking to be of I¼ inch Kauri
Decking to be of Kauri 4 x I½
Fasteningsof keel, planking, and decking to be of copper
Fittings. One cabin only to be fitted on deck, about 9 x 5 x 2' and one single windlass'
Mast and spars to be of oregon pine.
Bottom of vessel to be sheathed with I4 oz. Muntz metal.
Supply rigging, one suit sails, one new anchor and two lengths second hand chain.

S. T.
W R McL.

Supervision

It is hereby mutually agreed, that the work shall be performed to the satisfaction of the aforesaid W R McLennan, or, and in his absence, then W J Graham shall represent him.

S. Tachibana

W R McLennan

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Fastenings of keel, planking, and decking to be of copper fittings. One cabin only to be fitted on deck, and one single windlass.

Mast and spars to be of oregon pine.

Bottom of vessel to be sheathed with 14 oz. Muntz metal.

Supply rigging, one suit sails, one new anchor and two lengths second hand chain.

Receipts & papers relating to
cutter Avis.

No. _____

QUEENSLAND
DUTY STAMP
2d 2d
TWOPENCE

6th May 1904

Received from Mr William
R. Mac Lennon the sum of
Fifty — pounds —
shillings, and —
to advance of Cutter

£ 50-0-0

S. Tachibana

Thursday Island

24th September 1914

Received from Mr W. Maclennon
the Sum of One Hundred and
Sixty Five pounds (£165-0-0)
as Balance of Value the Cutter
"Iris"

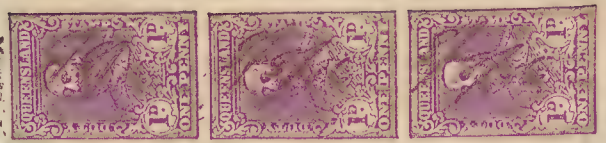
S. Sachehana

Tuesday Island

24th September 1914

Received from Mr W. Mackenna
the Sum of One Hundred and
Sixty Three Pounds (£165.0.0)
as Balance of Value the Cutter
"Iris"

W. Mackenna



Aug 8th 1916

Received from Mr W. McLennan

the sum of Fifty pounds

Stg

being ~~additional~~ amount agreed upon for trip from Porroolooka per "Coral Sea" to the Islands

£50

W. H. Luff

per J. Henderson

No. _____ August 7th 1916

Received from Mr W. McLennan

the sum of Thirty nine pounds 14/— Stg

Wages as Crew on Cutter "Aris" from 29/6/15 to 26/4/1916 = 43 3/7 weeks at £1 = £43-10/- less Cash Advanced £3-16/—

£ [illegible]

Mark New

Bourketa
November 1st 1916

Dear Mac

We arrived here in the Coralsea on the 12th October. So that we were 18 days coming here. I handed your letter to Constable in Charge of Police Station & took Charge of your Boat. She had just returned from a trip to the Papers. They started to go to Port Bradshaw but could not find the Place. Mr Whittle was in Charge. There was nothing on the Avis when I took her over only a Pair of Sweeps Everything including the dingy has disappeared. The Blacks at Port Bradshaw murdered the the two Coloured men & got away with the Bourketa Blacks Jims. Luff & Party went to Port Bradshaw in the Coralsea Steamer on the 16 of October. There are about 17 in the Party 5 Whites & 12 Blacks they should make things unsettled for any Bradshaw Niger that they drop on. They may have the luck to get the dingys if they do I will be able to get the one belonging to the Avis. The Avis has a good bit of Copper knocked off her. This was done by the Ship Coming around the first time

I asked Leynott to make me a offer for the Avis but he told me that he did not want a Boat now. There is nobody else to offer her to. Newton has no money. I offered to sell her to the Roper Mission. I heard they wanted a Boat So far I have got no reply from them. I dont think there is any Chance of doing any Business with the Roper Mission. I am going into the Sandalwood Business myself. There is a good lot of it about here. the Avis would Suit me in Connecton with this Business But as you know I have got no money Just now. if you like I will take the Boat over at your lowest Price you Put the Price on & give me time to Pay it in. I would want 12 months or 18 would suit me better. if Things Pan out as I expect them to I would be able to Pay you inside of 12 months. Re Holts Cheques the Carnarvon mail arrives to day & start back tommorow. this will be my first opportunity of getting into Communication with Holt but as far as I can hear there will be no difficulty with them. as soon as I get the money I will Place to your A/c J. S.

I forgot to mention That Luff took the Anchor & Chain off the Avis. I told him that I understood you had bought the Anchor & Chain from him. but he says no he only lent it to you. at Present There is & old Chain on the Boat that is not to Safe I Think I can get a good Chain from the Macarthur Station There will soon be a flood in the river now & she will want something Strong on. Well Mac There is nothing else I can think about Just now. things are dead quite here I dont Think Lynott has made Enough to Pay for his tucker since you were here. Scrutton is still running the Store but I am tipping him to go broke in 12 months. I hope to hear that you have quite recovered from that Sickness you had. the Temperture is about 140 in the water bag here the last few days. with thunder Storms falling in different Places.

Nov 2nd 1916

Since Starting to write this letter the Camoweal mail has arrived & in it was a letter from you Containing a ~~letter~~ List of things That were Supposed to be in the Cutter. the Copper Sheets & Rope were on the Cutter up until the time Luff arrived here. I took the Cutter

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over the day after we arrived here so that as Luff was Camped alongside the Cutter he Could have taken these things off.
I will see him when he Comes back & if I can Prove that he took anything off the Avis. I will have no hesitation in Putting him up. Re Holts Cheques. Scrutton as Holts agent has taken these over & Promises to Pay them as soon as the Procedes of Holts Copper is Paid into Scruttons A/c. they should be fixed up when the next Camoweal mail returns.

Trusting you are fit & well
Very Kind Regards
Yours faithfully
C Havey

T. J. FARQUHAR
PEARLER.

Cable Address: "FARQUHAR."

Thursday Island,
QUEENSLAND.

7 Feb 1917

PEARLING FLEET:

SCHOONERS:
"Tarawa."
"Wai Weer."

KETCHES:
"Norman."
"Donald."
"M'Liss."
"Effie."
"Shielah."
"Eleanor."
"Ida."
"Ruby."
"Pearl."
"Onyx."
"Mystery."
"Bona"
"Nixie."
"Tyne."
"Santoi."
"Somerset."

Dear Sol Lennan /

I was pleased to get your letter and also to know that you are well enough to have a chance to get to the front, I would decide as you have done if in similar case— Re Pearling - America coming in will absolutely let the bottom out of this as it was the only market, As usual on the Island some of the owners quietly made arrangements with the Japs and squelched the scheme of working that I explained to you, they have first sent out about a dozen boats and now are whipping pussy - I fortunately for my pocket had decided to wait and see how things went - In the meantime I have twelve out of my fifteen at work on Trocas and Bche de M, am waiting for Crew to get the others in Commission — I am not surprised to hear about Luff, he is the limit, with it all I don't think things are too good with him just now, he has been here a long time doing nothing and if he is not lying the Darw business is in the Soup; Summers is everything wrong - but it has been the same with everybody who has had any

dealings with him - Bert Vidgen is temporarily with me doing a bit of clerical work - He has buckled up wonderfully, he is to relieve the fresh food boys accountant for three months after he is finished with me and if he is fit and well there are plenty of openings for him - Mrs Vidgen is still at Raiva but Bert is trying to get her over to the Island - The old chap Jardine is still going strong, he is Expecting them back shortly - There was a bit of a scare about Wade Roberts on last week, he went shooting and did not get back same night, it was an awful night to be out in and as he wasn't in good nick the operator got scared and went over, however just before the Launch and Trackers were to make a start a message came through that he had turned up -

This being February I am on the water waggon, Riley's Belly Vengeance is nothing to Enthuse over -

Kind regards and best wishes -

Yours Sincerely

J J J

Macarthur Station
April 6 1917

Dear Mac

I am taking the Cutter Avis at your Price £130 and have forwarded £100 one hundred Pounds to your Account Q N Bank Thursday Island. I think you better allow me £10 out of it for looking after her. I think I will be able to send you the Balance of money during the next 6 months was the Holt money that I placed to your Credit alright. When I wrote to you last I could not see my way clear to take the Cutter at £130 as I thought I would be away from this Job. I find now that I will be here for some time yet & that gives me a chance of dealing with the Cutter we are having a great season we have had 30 inches of Rain during the last 4 months I have heard nothing of Tuff since I last wrote you he was supposed to be back at Bonoloola in January. he is a Cheerfull kind of a B to depend on Gillruth sent a Boat round with about 7 tons of Rations to keep us from starving

Trusting you are fit & well

Kind Regards C Havey.

TELEGRAM.

No. _____

R.T. No. 1. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, VICTORIA.

OFFICE DATE-STAMP.

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Broken Hill 26

REMARKS.

~~10~~ 1/10 paid repeated 2.20

Pte W R. McLennan

No 3 Platoon A Coy

Recruits Unit Bmds.

Taking cutter avise hundred thirty one hundred paid. your account Thursday Island.

5 hr

Havey Camoweal

To

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42 Armadale St
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You may wire ~~[illegible]~~ Farquhar accepting offer and ~~[illegible]~~ stating I will post draft next week

White

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TELEGRAM.

to Pay —

Message

Portlerage

P.T. No. 2.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Postmaster-General's Department,

To

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Copy.

Oct 30th 1919

From W B McLernan
Thursday is.
Queensland

To Charles Harvey
Borroloola
Northern Territory

Sir. I have not heard anything further from you regarding the completion of purchase of my boat the Avis which I sold to you during the first half year of 1917.

I am now calling the deal off & am taking the necessary steps to seize the Avis.

I hold your letter of April 6th 1917 stating that you were taking the Avis at my price £130. That you forwarded £100 to my account D.N. bank Thursday island & that you would forward the balance owing within 6 months of the aforementioned date April 6th 1917.

I acknowledged receipt of the money

£100 forwarded to bank & gave you instructions as to when you should pay the balance owing; prior to my leaving for active service

Since I returned I wrote you asking why the balance had not been paid & asking if you were going to pay it. But have not received any reply from you

Yours etc

W R McLennan